



## **Community News & Events**

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#### **Planned Parenthood Honors Assemblymember Hayashi as a Champion for Reproductive Health Services**



On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC) honored Assemblymember Hayashi for her hard work and dedication to protecting family planning services in California. In particular, PPAC thanked Hayashi for making certain Senate Bill (SB) 94 (Kuehl) (Principal Co-Author Hayashi) passed through the Legislature. Hayashi played an integral role in the legislative process and worked closely with Assembly and Senate leadership to ensure its passage.

SB 94 increases Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for the state's family planning program. The program, created by Governor Pete Wilson, was signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and will go far in providing valuable family planning services to Medi-Cal recipients throughout the state.

#### **Governor Signs Assemblymember Hayashi's Bills into Law**

Since our last Community News and Events, the governor has signed the following bills (AB 673, AB 1226, and AB 1228) authored by Assemblymember Hayashi into law.

AB 673 makes two clarifying changes in the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act. It expands the definition of child abuse to include death inflicted by other than accidental means. The law also provides that a mandated reporter may report known or suspected child abuse anonymously when the mandated reporter is on his or her personal time and not acting in their professional capacity. AB 673 was co-sponsored by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

AB 1226 vastly improves application efficiencies for doctors who serve as Medi-Cal providers. Currently, the application process for doctors who participate in the program is lengthy and cumbersome resulting in many doctors electing not to renew. This law will shorten the application process and patients should notice an increase in the number of doctors available to them beginning next year. AB 1226 was co-sponsored by the California Medical Association.

AB 1288 provides county retirees an opportunity to receive improved vision care and at the same time have their premiums cut in half. The law authorizes county retirement systems to pool membership in order to negotiate better contracts with providers. AB 1288 was co-sponsored by the California State Association of Counties.

In addition to these new laws, AB 509 authored by Assemblymember Hayashi was the catalyst for Governor Schwarzenegger to establish the Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP) through an executive order. The OSP will implement a comprehensive and integrated approach to reducing the loss and suffering from suicide and suicidal behaviors on a statewide basis. An announcement will be made soon the creation of the Office of Suicide Prevention.

### Tree Planting and Signing Ceremony Held to Honor Students of San Lorenzo's Environmental Leadership in Action Class



Assemblymember Hayashi, Caltrans, ACTIA, San Lorenzo Unified School District administrators and students from the Environmental Leadership in Action course at San Lorenzo High School participated in a Tree Planting and Signing Ceremony on November 2nd. The ceremony recognized the environmental students who advocated for the replacement of a grove of trees cut down during the I-238 widening project.

Approximately 68 native California Redwood trees will be planted to serve once again as a natural barrier between the student activity fields and the freeway

located less than 20 feet away. Additionally, these trees will assist in the elimination of air pollution coming from the I-238 traffic, a major truck route to and from the Port of Oakland.



In December 2006, the San Lorenzo High School students learned from Caltrans that the expansion project would remove a grove of trees and provide for a metal guard rail as the only barrier between the freeway and the school grounds. The teacher and the students immediately notified the superintendent who sought the guidance of Assemblymember Hayashi. After many meetings, Caltrans and ACTIA agreed to plant a row of redwood trees and install a 4 foot and 8 inch tall concrete safety barrier along with a 3 foot tall attached fence atop the barrier.



During the tree planting ceremony, the environmental students presented Assemblymember Hayashi with a hand-painted banner expressing their thanks for her advocacy on the project. Assemblymember Hayashi informed them that she is still working hard to complete the project with a sound wall.

## Ashland Area Receives Over \$3 Million in State Grants for a New Park and Open Space



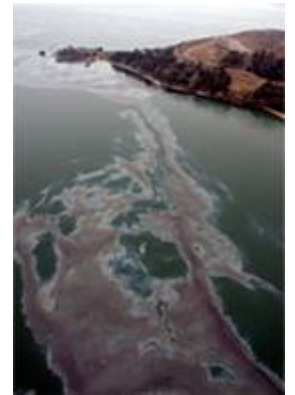
Residents of the unincorporated Ashland area will soon be enjoying a new 11.5 acre community park thanks to several state grants totaling over \$3 million. Most recently, Alameda County was awarded a \$350,000 grant from the Sustainable Communities Grant & Loan Program of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority advocated by Assemblymember Hayashi. This state grant will assist the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) in acquiring, cleaning-up and transforming the Holland Oil property, currently a brown field, into a community park.

The Holland Oil property, one of the last remaining sizable parcels of land suitable for park development, will open and connect the adjacent little league property and the Edendale School property to create this new park and open space.

## Update: Cosco Busan Oil Spill in the San Francisco Bay – Governor Declares State of Emergency



On Wednesday, November 7th the container vessel, Cosco Busan, collided with the Bay Bridge. As a result, at least 58,000 gallons of fuel have spilled into the Bay.



Though there is no structural damage to the Bay Bridge, the oil spill potentially threatens the safety of people, wildlife and the environment. Updated information on the situation is being provided by the [U.S. Coast Guard](#).

For more information and ways you can help, please visit the CA State Assembly Emergency Response [Website](#), Bay Area Oil Spill. Please feel free to call my office at (510) 583-8818 for more information.

## Assemblymember Hayashi Honors Pleasanton's Foothill High School Band and Director



Assemblymember Hayashi recognized Pleasanton's Foothill High School Band for its copious national and state honors under the esteemed leadership and direction of Mr. Bob Moorefield.

For years, this endowed group of students has toured the globe and competed against many of the world's finest bands. In 1995, they set a Guinness World Book record for the longest distance a marching band has played in England. Since its inception 32 years ago, the Foothill Band has succeeded in winning over 1,500 awards, with most of them being sweepstakes and 1st place prizes. Last year, the band was named the Fort McDowell Fiesta Bowl Parade Grand Champions. With the committed staff of the boosters club, the dedicated marching instructors and student band members

spending endless hours teaching and perfecting, and Mr. Moorefield's experience and leadership, Foothill has become one of the State of California's most decorated bands.





## Assemblymember Hayashi Honors “Teachers of the Year” for Alameda County

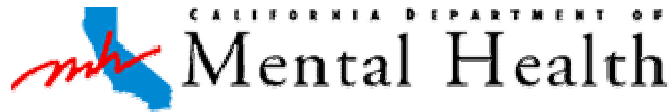


In October, Assemblymember Hayashi honored 17 teachers from across Alameda County for their outstanding service to our communities. The teachers were recognized for their commitment, dedication to excellence, and for providing students with a learning-centered environment for their future development.

### **Congratulations to the following teachers:**

Kimberly Bauman of Dublin Unified, Linda Gullick of Pleasanton Unified, Juliana Jones of Oakland Unified, Chuck Leming of San Leandro Unified, Tracey Liebig of New Haven Unified, Paul McDermott of Oakland Unified, Denise Merlin of Tri-Valley ROP, Janet Steidel of Castro Valley Unified, Alison Trumbull of Hayward Unified, Tracey Vernon of San Lorenzo Unified, Susan Wiltz of Sunol Glen Unified, Barry Arbreton of Alameda Unified, Irene Brucker of Mission Valley ROP, Steve Butler of Alameda County Office of Education, Linda Lamoureux of Livermore Valley Jr. Unified, Lauretta McCarthy of Newark Unified, and Edward Velez of Fremont Unified.

## San Leandro Unified Receives over \$600,000 in Early Intervention Grants from the CA Dept of Mental Health



Five elementary schools within San Leandro Unified School District have been awarded nearly \$125,000 in Primary Intervention Program grants from the California Department of Mental Health. The schools that received the grants are Garfield, McKinley, Monroe, Wilson and Washington.

The mental health grants will assist children from pre-school to the third grade on how to better adjust to school both academically and socially. The programs attempt to measurably improve mental health problems or concerns thereby avoiding the need for more extensive mental health treatment or services.

## Hayashi Participates in Ribbon Cutting Celebration for John Green Elementary in Dublin



Go Gators! It was a full house in late October as Dublin celebrated its newest elementary school, John Green Elementary. Situated in the rolling hills of the Dublin Ranch development, John Green Elementary serves nearly 600 K-5 students. This new state-of-the-art facility provides students with the necessary tools and support to enhance their learning capabilities. Congratulations!

The school is named after one of Dublin's earliest settlers and businessmen, John Green. Arriving to the area from New York, Mr. Green built a mercantile store and hotel in the 1870s. His business flourished and by the late 1870s, the community was the crossroads for Bay Area travelers.

## New 2-1-1 Phone Service Provides Free Information about Housing, Health and Social Services

### Simply Dial 2-1-1

The California Public Utilities Commission has approved Eden I&R, Inc., a non-profit agency located in Hayward, to provide all 2-1-1 services for Alameda County. This 24 hour / 7 days a week phone service allows individuals to call and speak to a live call specialist in multiple languages about housing, health and social services. Call 2-1-1 if you are in need of:

Affordable housing ♦ After-school programs ♦ Tenants' rights assistance ♦ Public assistance programs ♦ Emergency shelters ♦ Hot meals and food programs ♦ Rental and utility assistance ♦ Services for battered women ♦ and much more!

## Korean American Chamber of Commerce Honors Hayashi as "Person of the Year"



On November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Korean American Chamber of Commerce of the Northern Pacific Coast honored Assemblymember Mary Hayashi as their "Person of the Year" for her dedication to Asian women's health issues. They also recognized Hayashi for her leadership on the state's health care reform for which she sits on the Assembly Health Committee during the current special session.

The Korean American Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1967 and has members throughout the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. It advocates on behalf of a diverse group of businesses and promotes positive relations between the Republic of Korea and the United States.

## "Assemblymember Give this Regulation an Extreme Makeover!" Business Contest Ends November 16th



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, in conjunction with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, is inviting local business leaders and owners to participate in a contest entitled, "Assemblymember – Give this Regulation an Extreme Makeover!". This is a first of its kind effort in California, intended to solicit valuable feedback from business leaders with regards to the impact of state regulations. To participate, business leaders are asked to identify and submit a specific state regulation that is useless both in form and/or function and creates an undue burden on the business community.

For the winning entry, Assemblymember Hayashi will dedicate part of her 2008 legislative program to have the regulation deleted or amended either by the introduction of legislation or other means. The winner will also be invited to present and defend the rationale for such change in a private meeting with the head of the administering state agency. To enter the contest online, [please click here](#). To submit your entry via mail, you must [download and completely fill-out the .pdf form](#) and then mail your form to: Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, c/o Assemblymember – Give this Regulation an Extreme Makeover!, 22320 Foothill Blvd., Suite 540, Hayward, CA 94588. All mailed entries must be postmarked by November 16, 2007.

## Upcoming Events

### “Jingle Tails” District Holiday Party at the Oakland Zoo



Assemblymember Hayashi invites you to a “Jingle Tails” District Holiday Party on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Oakland Zoo’s Marian Zimmer Auditorium within the Maddie’s Center for Science & Environmental Education located at 9777 Golf Links Road in Oakland. This free event will allow you to converse with the Assemblymember, meet district staff, enjoy light Holiday refreshments and explore the Oakland Zoo.



Share the Spirit of the Season: Bring a jar of peanut butter to donate to the Alameda County Food Bank and you will receive either a free pass to the new *Alvin and the Chipmunks* movie in theatres starting on December 14<sup>th</sup> (50 passes available) or a free one-day pass to the Oakland Zoo. Please RSVP by calling the District Office at (510) 583-8818 or email [christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov](mailto:christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov). Parking is free for the holiday party by notifying the parking attendant of your arrival.



### Community Input Meetings for Prevention and Early Intervention Planning

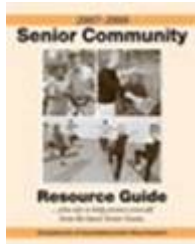
Assemblymember Hayashi announces a series of community input meetings that the Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBHCS) will be hosting in the cities of Oakland, San Leandro, Livermore, Fremont, and Hayward through the months of November and December. In an effort to gather input from consumers, providers, partners, and community members with key mental health insight, ACBHCS is soliciting information from the public to commence the early stages of planning for the Proposition 63 funded initiative, Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI). During the meetings, ACBHCS will lay out PEI guidelines and follow with the request of community feedback concerning what local priorities should be by way of completing their survey. Come take part in this groundbreaking effort in mental health history.

- Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Eastmont Branch Library , 7200 Bancroft Ave., Suite 211, Oakland from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, Taylor Memorial Church - Harris Hall, 1188 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, Odd Fellows Hall - Banquet Room, 1349 Hays Street, San Leandro from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Alameda County Conference Center - Oakland Room, 125 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400, Oakland from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, Livermore Public Library - Community Rooms A & B, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Fremont Family Resource Center - Pacific Room, 39155 Liberty Street, Fremont from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Alameda County Community Development Agency - Room 160, 224 Winton Avenue

For more information, please call the Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services at (510) 38301704 or the district office at (510) 583-8818.

## Senior Health and Resources Fairs – November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

Assemblymember Hayashi has been invited to host booths at two senior fairs taking place in the cities of Newark and Pleasanton.

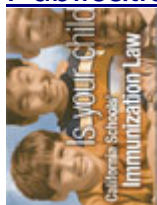


- On Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the City of Newark Senior Center is hosting a Health and Resource Faire for Seniors at the Silliman Activity Center at 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Attendees can receive a variety of free health screenings, discounted flu and pneumonia shots, information concerning fraud prevention, health care, legal assistance, entertainment, raffle prizes, and complimentary refreshments.
- On Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO) Housing will host a Senior Financial Health and Community Resource Fair at the Tennis and Community Park at 5801 Valley Avenue in Pleasanton from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Seniors will have the opportunity to learn about ways to improve their financial health and have access to free resources within the community including information on reverse mortgage counseling, avoiding predatory lenders, California Lifeline, and obtaining free accessible telephone equipment. The fair will also offer complimentary wellness screenings and light refreshments.

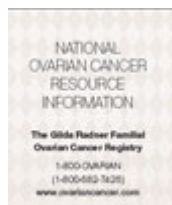
Be sure to stop by the Assemblymember's booth at each event to receive the latest copy of the "2007-08 Senior Community Resource Guide." Assembly staff will also be available to offer assistance for those seeking state agency guidance.

## Resources Available

### Publications Available



Child Immunization Law



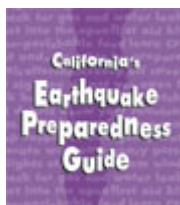
Ovarian Cancer Resource Guide



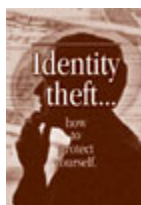
High Blood Pressure



Senior Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Over the next few weeks, copies will be made available throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

### State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi) and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

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